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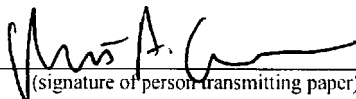
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Dear Commissioner:

Examiner Jie Yang and Applicants' representatives, Mr. Joseph G. Curatolo, Esq. and Mr. Vincent A. Cortese, Esq., participated in a telephonic interview on October 29, 2009 to discuss the prior art applied by the Examiner in the Final Office Action mailed October 2, 2009.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner argued that US 5,366,537 to Schlichting and US 6,409,793 to Edlinger are combinable because they are both directed to obtaining a high-grade ferrochromium alloy, and that, since Edlinger discussed particulate materials which are allegedly the same as those disclosed in the present application, the cooling effect provided by the present application is an inherent property of the combination of references.

During the interview, Applicants' representatives' had posed the question of how, since Schlichting teaches maintaining or increasing the heat of combustion in an alloy refining operation, it was properly combinable with a reference which was alleged in the Final Office Action to inherently suggest a cooling effect, such as Edlinger.

The Examiner maintained his arguments regarding the references during the interview, and no agreement was reached between the Examiner and Applicants' representatives.

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Should there be any questions regarding this paper, Applicants' undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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